

SPOLOČNE SUMMIT 2026

“Vision 2027–2030”



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A full-day expert summit for approximately 150 participants will provide a platform for open and substantive dialogue on the future of the European Union in the coming decade. Under the title “Vision 2027– 2030”, the conference will address the key challenges and priorities shaping the EU’s political, economic, and social trajectory. The aim of the event is to bring together voices from the public and private sectors to create space for jointly identifying solutions that will strengthen Slovakia’s role within a more resilient, sustainable, and secure Europe. The Summit will also foster the exchange of perspectives, inspiration, and the development of new partnerships contributing to Europe’s strategic vision beyond 2027.





THE AIM

As reflected in its theme, “Redefining Europe’s Role in a Changing World,” the Summit aims to broaden and elevate the national debate on Slovakia’s long-term vision and role within the European Union. The one-day conference is designed to bring together a critical mass of perspectives, expertise, and policy insight that would not typically converge within a single forum. By strengthening collaboration between public and private actors, the Summit promotes practice-oriented education, facilitates the transfer of real-world expertise into academic and policy environments, and supports more evidence-based, data-driven policymaking.

THE WHY

As Europe enters a period of significant geopolitical and economic uncertainty, the European Union is confronted with intensified global competition, growing security pressures, ambitious climate commitments, a profound industrial transformation, and increasing social and political fragmentation. For Slovakia, these developments are particularly impactful. As a small, export-oriented EU Member State, its stability and prosperity are closely tied to decisions made at the European level; yet Slovakia can also contribute meaningfully to shaping those decisions.

THE IMPACT

The Summit delivers strategic impact by transforming high-level debate into policy-relevant insight, strengthening Slovakia’s visibility within European discussions and offering partners direct access to key decision-makers. It represents one of the few structured platforms in Slovakia where national priorities are systematically aligned with European strategic agendas.



01

Youth, Democracy, and the Future of Europe

Across the European Union, democratic institutions face growing pressure from polarisation, disinformation, and declining public trust. These challenges are especially critical for younger generations, whose engagement will shape the Union's future. This topic explores how the EU and its Member States, including Slovakia, can strengthen democratic culture by empowering young people, fostering inclusive and informed participation, and enhancing civic and media literacy—while preserving Europe as a community built on shared values, democratic principles, and mutual trust.

02

Green Ambitions: Between Vision and Implementation

Achieving climate neutrality by 2050 is a core EU goal, yet the green transition raises concerns about competitiveness, energy costs, and uneven readiness across Member States. For Slovakia, these challenges are especially pressing. This panel explores how the EU and Slovakia can advance realistically toward a climate-neutral future through effective reforms, innovation, green financing, and socially sustainable pathways—while maintaining competitiveness and supporting a circular economy.

THEMES



03

Competitiveness and Economy: Europe as a Space for Innovation and Growth

Europe is facing intensified global competition, rapid technological change, and the pressures of decarbonisation, all of which are testing the Union's economic resilience and long-term growth potential. Restoring competitiveness has therefore become a strategic priority, requiring coordinated action on industrial policy, research and innovation, capital markets, the Single Market, and targeted support for enterprises. For Slovakia, whose economy is deeply integrated into the EU Single Market, the stakes are particularly high. This panel will explore how the European Union can restore economic momentum and how Slovakia can position itself as a constructive contributor to a more competitive, innovative, and resilient European economy.

04

Defence and Security: The New European Reality

Russia's aggression against Ukraine, ongoing instability in the EU's neighbourhood, and rising geopolitical tensions have fundamentally reshaped Europe's security landscape and elevated defence and security to the top of the European agenda. This panel will examine how the European Union and NATO can strengthen defence capabilities, enhance defence-industrial production, and improve strategic coordination, while also addressing Europe's evolving defence policy identity and strategic autonomy. Particular attention will be given to the V4's role in contributing to a modern, interoperable, and resilient European defence posture.



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PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 09:35 Conference Opening: Robert **SERMEK**, European Parliament Liaison Office in Slovakia

09:35 – 09:40 Introduction: Dominik **LELKES**, EXPORT ANALYTICA & Spoločne o EÚ

09:40 – 10:40 **PANEL 1: Youth, Democracy, and the Future of Europe**

Panelists:

- Vladimír **BILČÍK**, Senior Fellow at GLOBSEC & Former MEP
- Miriam **LEXMANN**, Member of the European Parliament, EPP
- Jozef **KSINAN**, Acting Head of the Unit for Governance and Coordination at the European Labour Authority
- Gábor **BERCZELI**, Director of the Robert Schuman Institute

Moderator: Dominik **LELKES**, EXPORT ANALYTICA & Spoločne o EÚ

10:40 – 10:55 Coffee Break

10:55 – 11:55 **PANEL 2: Europe's Green Ambitions: Between Vision and Implementation**

Panelists:

- Norbert **KURILLA**, Vice-Chair of OECD Green Action Task Force
- Michaela Hletkova **PLOSZEKOVA**, Chair of the Environmental Legislation Commission, The Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic
- Ivana **MALEŠ**, Co-Founder of the Institute of Circular Economy (INCIEN)
- Ján **RAPAN**, Vice-Chairman of the international Climate Adaptation Research Institute (iCARI)

Moderator: Michal **HÚSKA**, Spoločne o EÚ

11:55 – 12:55 Lunch

12:55 – 14:00 **PANEL 3: Competitiveness and Economy: Europe as a Space for Innovation and Growth**

Keynote: Peter **BALÍK**, Former Minister of the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatics of the Slovak Republic (MIRRI SR)

Panelists:

- Peter **BLAŠKOVITŠ**, Chairman of EXPORT ANALYTICA
- Branislav **REĽOVSKÝ**, Director of Strategic Initiatives Department at National Bank of Slovakia
- Miroslav **HAJNOŠ**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- Lívia **VAŠÁKOVÁ**, Director of Corporate Development and Public Affairs, Západoslovenská energetika & Former Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for the Recovery and Resilience Plan

Moderator: Lukáš **DRAVECKÝ**, Spoločne o EÚ

14:00 – 14:20 Coffee Break

14:20 – 15:20 **PANEL 4: Defence and Security: The New European Reality**

Panelists:

- Nofal **KATTAN**, Director of the Military Aviation Authority at the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic
- Attila **DEMKÓ**, Head of the Strategic Foresight Program at John Lukacs Institute
- Anton **BENDARZSEVSZKIJ**, Director of Oeconomus Economic Research Foundation
- Rodrigo **BALLESTER**, Head of the Center for European Studies at Mathias Corvinus Collegium

Moderator: Dominik **LELKES**, EXPORT ANALYTICA & Spoločne o EÚ

15:20 – 15:25 Closing remarks: Dominik **LELKES**, EXPORT ANALYTICA & Spoločne o EÚ

15:30 – 16:30 Reception and Networking

Thank you



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